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Audit Reveals Problems

by JP Glutting

The school's Student Activities Account records were found to be seriously inaccurate during an audit of last years school funds. The auditor was forced to reconstruct individual account totals from the documents available.

"What it boils down to is that we have had to make some adjustments in these accounts," said Principal Geoffrey Jones. "In most cases it was not a dramatic shift."

One filing error resulted in the crediting of \$560, earned by the Class of 1985, to the Class of 1984. This has been replaced, and Senior Class Treasurer Cathleen

Duffy said "I'm glad everything is straightened out now."

Hardest hit were funds for yearbook and the copy machine in the library. Both of these operations went into debt anticipating a profit. Low yearbook sales have resulted in a backlog of unsold books dating back to 1982, all of which have been paid for in advance with school funds. The copier will not be paid for until 1990, when it should start to show a profit.

These two projects had been paid for out of a General Account for school activities.

"We have no way of generating funds to pay for these sorts of things," said Jones.

At the festival, all bands were given 12 minutes to perform. The LAST MINUTE JAZZ BAND played three numbers: "Blues for Alice", "Freetime", and "All of Me".

Clarinet player Dehan Glanz said, "I think Dave (Ervin) was pleased with us. It just shows the potential we have to be an excellent jazz band."

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FAC Revived

by Sara Spalding

March 20 marked the first monthly meeting of the Faculty Advisory Committee.

The committee replaces the Climate and Curriculum committees and should serve as a "way of involving faculty in decision making," said Oyster River High School Principal Geoffrey Jones.

The FAC is "much more task oriented" because there are subcommittees to deal with different issues and



OR Senior Dale Wells, winner of Regional Cosmetology Contest, will be going to Arizona. (Taylor photo)

Wells to Compete in Phoenix

by Kirk Sim

Oyster River High School Senior Dale Wells placed first in a regional cosmetology competition held at Dover High Vocational on March 18.

Wells is one of three beauticians who will represent the school at the National Cosmetology Competition in Phoenix, Arizona on June 26.

The top three beauticians were Wells and Dover Seniors

there are more "clear cut responsibilities," said FAC member Mr. Richard Tappan.

An agenda has been set and work has begun within the five subcommittees which deal with: the awards structure, developing a plagiarism and cheating policy, relating the grading system to attendance and warnings, working more thinking and study skills

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Wendy Peirce and Yvonne Richardson. The students were judged by Miss Mary Jane Forbes and Mrs. Susan Demers.

According to Wells, the students who competed were from the junior and senior classes. The qualifications consisted of a haircut and a chemical perm.

The three girls who qualified will be honored at an awards ceremony on April 13 at Pease Air Force Base.

The cosmetology class will be sponsoring the girls' trip to Phoenix, where 6000 other girls will be competing, said Wells. Wells added, "It is a chance of a lifetime."

According to Senior Kate Piper, who is also a cosmetology student, the class takes three years and 1500 hours. Students who complete the program successfully may become a professional beautician.

Jazz Band at Berklee Fest

by Ben Corrow

The LAST MINUTE JAZZ BAND, directed by UNH student Dave Ervin, visited The Berklee School of the Performing Arts, in Boston, to participate in the Berklee Jazz Festival on April 6.

The band was judged along with 65 other groups by three professional jazz musicians per band.

"We were told by the judges how to improve our style as an inexperienced band," said clarinet and saxophone player Scobie Puchtler. "It's a good experience for all of us (the band) to just watch other bands in action. We can see how they do things and improve ourselves," he added.

The band's official results will be mailed to the school in the near future, according to Puchtler.

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Seniors Plot Follies

by Jim Valenza

With less than a month before Senior Follies performances, close to 40 skits have been approved by co-directors Andy Deal and Diana Nadeau.

"Now that we have most of the skits collected, we can start group rehearsals this week," said Nadeau.

"Rehearsing at school will be better because we'll be coached and given opinions we may not have gotten if we had rehearsed outside of the class and school," said Senior Tom McBride.

As they have in the past, this year's Follies will have a theme: the song "Don't You Forget about Me" from the

movie The Breakfast Club.

"The theme will come in during the group singing at the beginning and end of the show, otherwise," Deal added, "the theme will be pretty unrestricting."

Skits will include comedy acts, T.V. spoofs, musical and dance performances, and various other subjects.

"I've submitted a few ideas for skits," said Senior Sam Gangwer. "I'm really looking forward to rehearsing and having a good time before we graduate."

According to many OR graduates and faculty members, Senior Follies has always started out slowly, but always ended up a success.

"Three weeks ago we had no skit suggestions, now we're on schedule, and should have no problems putting together a great show by May 3 and 4," Nadeau concluded.

SC Plans Exchange

by JP Glutting

The Student Council decided at their last meeting, on April 2, to have a student exchange with Exeter High School some time this May.

The exchange would consist of each SC member hosting a student from Exeter for a day. At a later date Oyster River students will visit Exeter in return.

The idea for the exchange was introduced by Freshman Missy Goding at the

previous meeting, when it was approved for further study.

"I hope we learn a lot from it," said SC President Senior Demi Dubois.

"I think it is a good idea," said another member of the SC (name withheld), "Some OR students tend to be pretty isolated. They have a limited idea of how other schools are run."

In other business, an idea for a spring carnival, similar to the Snowfest, was dropped due to a busy spring schedule of events. Also Nancy Erbstein, SC representative to the School Board, reported on the Board's activities.

Looking at SEARCH

by Dave Taylor

Oyster River High School and twelve other seacoast area high schools are currently involved in the SEARCH Program at the University of New Hampshire.

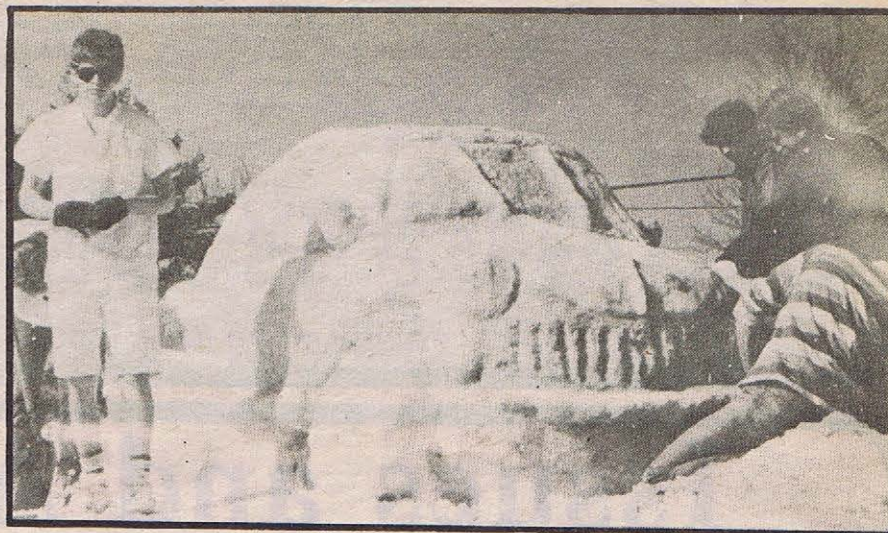
Students travel to UNH on Wednesdays for weekly meetings at Hamilton-Smith Hall.

According to Program Director Richard Schwab, SEARCH, UNH Seminars for Advanced High School Students, is designed to pro-

vide gifted students with a stimulating atmosphere in which they can learn and interact. The program also tries to bring area schools into closer contact with the university.

Schwab stated, "In the past high school students have taken courses here at UNH but I want more to go on between high schools and us."

"The Human Spirit" is the subject of this spring's eight seminars. 'Communication', 'Personal Best' and 'Today's Values' are major topics



The Junior Class models their sculpture of a VW Bug. (L. Reif photo)

Senior Activities Group Leads Way

by Jim Valenza

The Senior Activities Group met last week and discussed Project Graduation, Senior Follies, the Senior Banquet, and other year ending activities.

The primary concern of the last two meetings has been Project Graduation. "All we talked about last meeting was assigning people to different committees for Project Graduation," said Senior Class Vice President B.J. Anderson. "There's going to be a committee for publicity, fund-raising, concessions, and information," Anderson added.

Although there are only three weeks left until Senior Follies, "We should haven no problem in organizing and

putting on the show," said co-director Diana Nadeau.

"We (the senior class) really seem to be pulling together in able to put on a good show on time," said Senior Bob Watt. The show is scheduled for May 2 and 3.

In June the Senior Banquet will be at the New England Center Restarant the week prior to graduation, which takes place at 6 pm, June 14.

"The turnout at these meetings has been pretty low. We need more seniors to show up, so more ideas can be heard and acted upon," said Senior Class President Cathy Porter.

Meetings are held during lunch periods and are announced a day in advance.

which will be presented by a variety of guest professors and professional people.

Included in the speakers are Mrs. Lisa Thorson, a disabled professional performer, and Mr. Jacob Birnbaum, who was a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp.

At present, 109 high school students are involved in SEARCH; eleven of whom are from OR. The OR students include: Seniors Wendy Batson, Meredith Bennett, Amy Wallenta and Nancy

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The General Account was also used as a checking account to pay immediate costs, such as referees salaries.

According to Jones, the failure to transfer funds from the Central Office accounts to cover these expenditures and the need to pay for unprofitable projects contributed to the debt of the account.

Demi Dubois, president of the Student Council, which came up with a smaller balance than expected, said, "I don't think its fair, but there is nothing we can do about it now."

Junior Class President Jessica Gilsdorf was more optimistic. "We had been missing \$200. I hope it will turn up now."

The auditor has suggested several changes in the ac-

Erbstein; Juniors Dehan Glanz, Pat Harrington, Bill Lockhart, Scott Shirley, Sara Spalding, Drew Tognela and Matt Townsend.

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count. First, implementing a one-write accounting system to eliminate errors. There had been no organized accounting system up to this time.

Second, certain accounts, such as the New York Times newspaper account, will be removed from the Student Activities account. "It really should not have been there in the first place," admitted Mr. Jones.

Third, the General Account will no longer be used as a working account for school functions. It will be reduced to a type of trust fund for accumulating interest.

The new balances for the accounts are still awaiting approval from the Central Office, but, according to Mr. Jones, the school is operating under the assumption that they will be approved.

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Language Exams

by Eric Horne

During the past two weeks, over 100 language students at Oyster River High School have taken national language exams.

The optional exams are part of a national testing program that allows students to compare their skills with other language students in the nation.

Miss Susan Smith, a Spanish teacher at OR said, "The exams provide a valuable opportunity for participants to meet other language students, and to test their skills in grammar, vocabulary, and listening comprehension."

This year's state results for ORHS went as follows: first place in Spanish level I was Junior Joe Pokoski with 69 points out of a possible 80. Second place was a three way tie between Juniors Gavin O'Connell, Tracey Berneche and Bess Franzosa, each with 68 points. Third place for Spanish level II was Senior Anne Ward with 70 points. In level III Senior Maryann Hogarty placed first with 75 points, and Senior Ellen Darlington took second with 73 points. Level IV's first place went to Patty Hardy with 65 points and second went to Kristen Federer with

64 points.

In previous years, some students have been very successful on the exams. Last year, Ellen Darlington scored 76 points on the Spanish exam and Donal Parks who graduated last year scored 71 points on the French exam his senior year.

Results for French and Latin Exams have not yet been recieved.

"I think the exams provide a good opportunity for practice," said Senior Demi Dubois who is taking French IV.

Freshman Jay West, a Spanish I student said, "I took it (the exam) because it might give me a better chance at getting into a good college."

The exams were open to all levels of Spanish and Latin, and French IV students. ❀

Women's History Celebrated

by Lizz Stewart

National Women's History 1985 was celebrated at Oyster River High School and the University of New Hampshire between March 1-13.

According to English teacher Mrs. Emma Rous, the advisor to OR's Women's Issues Group, "The purpose of this event is that these are issues that have been ignored. They are issues that we should be discussing in class."

OR librarian, Mrs. Barbara Broderick, said that

Math Team First

by Bill Reeves

The Oyster River Math Team concluded their season winning Division II of the Tri-State league and winning the final meet in Amesbury on April 3.

Finishing with 1465, OR attained the best score in both Tri-State divisions. Amesbury scored 1419, placing second in division II.

OR defeated Masconomet (div. I) by four points in the meet, capturing the overall high score by one point.

"It was the first time OR has been the high scorer overall," commented Team Advisor Mr. Petar Stoykovich.

OR won the meet with

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264 points, nine points ahead of their only strong competitor in Division II, Amesbury. Spaulding and Masconomet, Division I schools, drew 263 and 261 points respectively.

High scorers included Senior Kristen Federer with a perfect score of 30 points, while Senior Demi Dubois and Sophomore Tasha Seitz pulled in 27 points apiece.

Mr. Stoykovich said, "Everyone has done a super job." He added, "The season is essentially over. We've won both leagues (Tri-state and Southeastern), and took third in the state meet."

The New England Math Meet is the next meet where OR is "expected to a respectable job," according to Mr. Stoykovich.

films, six guest speakers, three faculty panels, a slide show, a presentation including music, and a panel with discussion groups.

Winterbottom also said that the high point occurred on Wednesday, March 13, when Bella Abzug spoke. Abzug is an attorney, a former three-term Congresswoman, the founder the National Women's Political Caucus, and president of the activist group, Women U.S.A. She is also the author of The Gender Gap: Bella Abzug's Guide to Political Power for Women.

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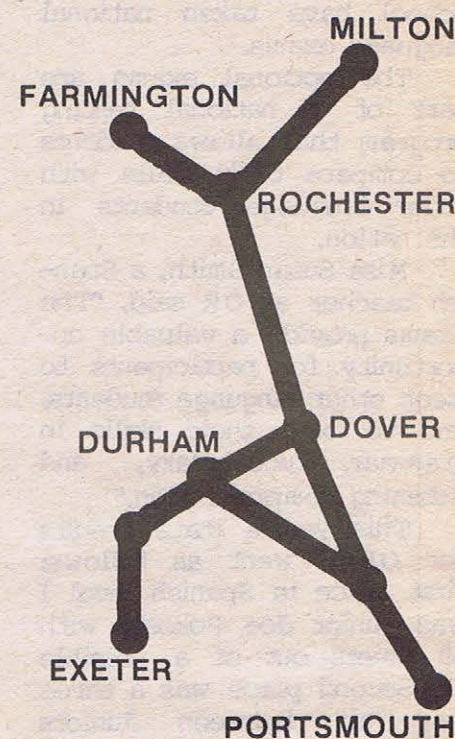
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Junior Amy Martin at work in Dover food trades class. (Taylor photo)

County Voc Expands

By Kirk Sim

The Strafford County Vocational Program is hoping for \$8 million in state aid to remodel current facilities and create four more programs to link Strafford County schools.

The purpose of the funding is to get Somersworth, Spaulding, and Dover High Schools to form one vocational program.

Dover Vocational Director Ken Latchaw said, "I have been working closely with two other directors: Brian Beeler, director of Somersworth High School, and George Cote, director of Spaulding High School."

"Our main goal of the vocational programs is to serve all of Strafford County. Our programs are based on jobs within the county," said Mr. Latchaw.

"The money is being appropriated by the State with help from Senator Leo Lessard of Dover and Representative Ed Dupont of Rochester," according to Mr. Latchaw.

The vocational program is based within the school on student interest.

"The program will serve 1000 students, 200 more than they currently have," said George Cote.

Latchaw is urging people to support legislation for the program, so that students may be able to pursue career opportunities in high school.

Trooper Talks to OR

by BJ Anderson

New Hampshire State Trooper Cathy Hart spoke to a group of Oyster River High School students Tuesday, March 19.

Hart came to OR to participate in the school's career program headed by Guidance Counselor Ms. Nancy Winterbottom.

Hart's talk started out as a lecture and turned into a question and answer period. She explained her role as a state trooper. Hart said she liked her job because, "You are able to communicate with a lot of people, which is good."

One of the students asked Ms. Hart if she felt discriminated against being a female state trooper and she responded, "No, I don't feel discriminated against, but sometimes they (the other troopers) are almost over pro-

tective of us (the women on the force)."

According to Ms. Winterbottom, Trooper Hart will be followed by at least five more speakers. On Tuesday, April 9, a panel of four will speak on how to use a foreign language in a career field.

Also, on May 8th, Career Day will be held. The program will devote a whole day to allow students to look at prospective career fields. All students choose a field they are interested in and then attend a lecture on the field.

On May 16 at 7:00 PM, there will be a workshop night for juniors and their parents to talk with a panel of four admissions directors from Brown University, UNH, Middlebury College, and Plymouth State College.

Life After OR

by Alisa Lincoln

"Planning for Life after Oyster River High School", a program sponsored by the ORHS Guidance Department in conjunction with the OR Educational Workshop, was presented to juniors and their parents on Thursday, March 14 at 8 pm in the ORHS Library.

The program opened with Career Education Counselor Ms. Nancy Winterbottom introducing two of the student speakers, Senior Andrew Grossi and Junior Kathy Savage. They spoke about their "job shadowing projects."

Grossi, who shadowed an architect, told the audience that it was a very worthwhile experience. "I learned a lot about the 'glamorous side' of the job, and its reality," Grossi said.

Savage, who shadowed five New Hampshire politicians, said, "I met a lot of interesting people and learned about the institution I would

Math Club Hosts Shore

by Eric Horne

Mu Alpha Theta, Oyster River High School's math club hosted Dr. Sam Shore, a mathematics professor from UNH on Tuesday, March 19.

The visit included a survey given to the students to find out their impressions of what math is, and a talk on mathematical proofs.

In this talk, he demonstrated the use of different math topics on a problem, to arrive at the same answer.

"I thought he was a good speaker, and appealed to everybody's mathematical ability," said Sophomore Jeff Erbstein.

Mu Alpha Theta is the first such club at ORHS and is part of the National Mathematics Association of America.

Mrs. Darien Lauten, the advisor, said, "The club is for people interested in math who wish to learn about new topics, hear speakers and to deepen their understanding of mathematics."

The club's 17 members meet once a month. It is open to students who have completed Algebra I and geometry with a B or better.

like to be a part of."

The various vocational programs offered at OR were also discussed. Junior John Wall spoke on the drafting program and Sophomore Lynette Harville spoke on cosmetology. They both emphasized that upon graduation students in the vocational program will have a marketable skill.

The program closed with the guidance department answering questions from the audience.

Junior Laura McKay felt, "The evening was very educational. It gave me a lot to think about."

The parents attending were also pleased. One commented, "I think it helped to make communication between the school, students and parents complete."



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Issues and Answers Issue

OR's New Look

by Lisa Simmons

Oyster River High School students may find themselves confused or in the wrong room when trying to find their classes next year.

According to Principal Geoffrey Jones, "In order to be able to facilitate for next year's curriculum, we are reclaiming classrooms for their original use and remodeling others."

Next year, according to Jones, room 7, which is currently being used as a history room, will be converted to a science room, in order to have rooms for the increased number of science classes being offered.

Commenting on the revisions, Maintenance Supervisor Tommy Thompson said, "When you offer more classes, you have to come up with some classrooms."

It is also being considered, reported Mr. Jones, that room 11 and the mezzanine above the library be divided into classrooms.

According to Mr. Thompson, in its present state Oyster River High School, "was designed for 650

students."

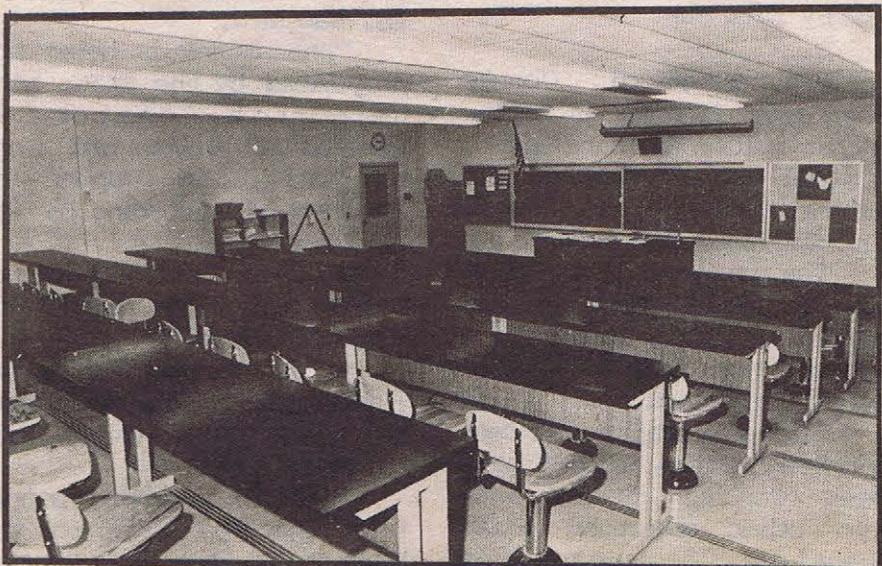
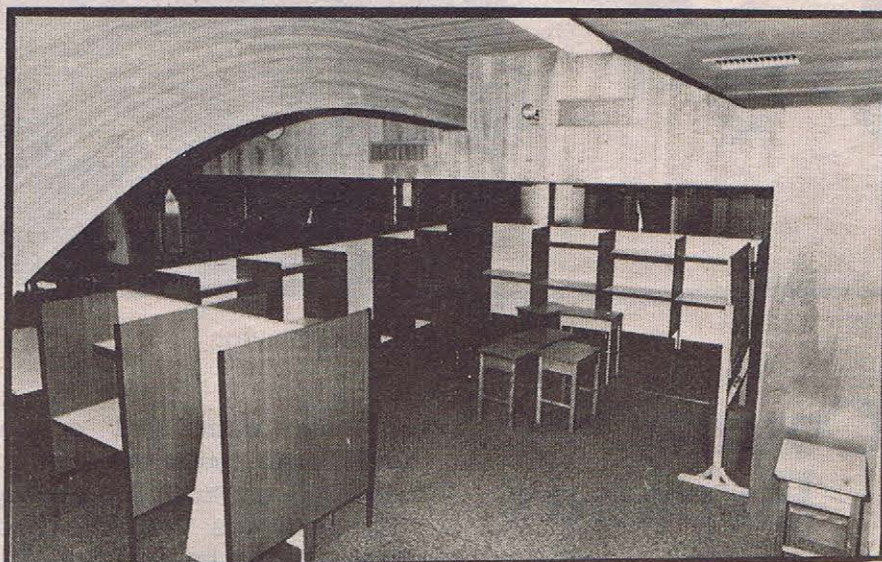
But Mr. Jones feels that there is not enough space for the 580 students now enrolled because of "the changes in the types of classes offered today," as opposed to those offered 30 years ago when the school was built.

According to Thompson, when the school was built in 1956, "It was designed to accommodate future additions if they were needed." He said that, "Because the building is designed structurally for additions it will save a great deal of money if construction does ever begin."

The Oyster River School Board, according to Mr. Jones, must approve any construction proposals before the towns of Durham, Lee and Madbury can be approached for funds.

Mr. Jones said that he has presented the school's needs for classrooms, storage space, and teacher office space to the School Board's Long Range Planning Committee.

The committee will review the requests in time for the planning of the 1986-87 budget.



Longer Day

by Christopher Loder

According to Assistant Superintendent Al Elwell, Oyster River students may be attending school for an extra half hour per day.

Next year the state will require that there must be 5 1/2 hours of instruction time per day, which does not include time between classes or lunch time. Elwell went on to say that students may be going to school for 185 days and there may be no Wednesday schedule.

Currently, Oyster River has an average of 5 hours of instruction time per day. In order to fulfill the state's requirements, there would be a 30 minute increase in the length of each school day. When OR puts into effect the 5 1/2 hours of instruction time per day, not an average of the week, "The Wednesday early release is a matter of history," stated Elwell.

According to ORHS Principal Geoffrey Jones, the Wednesday schedule is now used for faculty and staff meetings.

The longer day is, "not something easily changed overnight," said Jones.

The length of the school

year will be increased from 180 to 185 school days. This would mean that next year, for instance, students would get out as late as June 27, with the five snow days, but no earlier than June 20, according to Elwell.

"We have made no moves to enact any of these," said Jones.

The new requirements will be difficult to incorporate in the entire district. It is, "Not simply adding minutes to the day," said Elwell.

Because of the present bussing system all four Oyster River schools would be directly affected. Currently, the high school and middle school get out at 2:16. If the 30 minutes were added then the high school, middle school and elementary schools would let out at about 2:45, causing a transportation problem.

The longer day also affects OR's sports programs and students that hold after school jobs.

According to Elwell OR is moving towards a 7-period day.

The Oyster River School Board will be discussing the new state requirements throughout April and May.

Amethyst Sessions Teach

by Donna LaRoche

The Amethyst Foundation, a non-profit organization working for the control of chemical abuse, hosted a series of free presentations during the month of March in the Oyster River High School Library.

"The focus is for the community; hopefully, an impact will be made on this school," commented OR Nurse Beth Kleine. "We're offering some good information on substance abuse. I think our number one goal is to connect the community together."

The Amethyst sessions began March 5 and ran weekly through March 26. The presentations focused on the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol, the options available to the community, and the creation of a parental task force to discuss the problem of chemical abuse.

"I think the idea of a task force is a good one," stated Physical Education Teacher Don Greenwell. "Just as long as they're not preaching abstinence or frightening the students away, but trying to help them, I think it will work out."

Greenwell has been closely involved with the issues of alcohol and drug abuse for the past six years and is currently an alcohol awareness trainer for the Amethyst Foundation. He feels that the foundation can help those people in the com-

munity who have a drug or alcohol problem.

"When I try to talk to someone about their problem, I always throw the preaching aspect aside because that's not the way to do it," explains Greenwell, "You need to help a person admit that they've got a problem and surrender to it. Alcohol breeds fear in to the students, parents, and the community alike; we're trying to help."

The Amethyst Foundation is funded by the New Hampshire State Alcohol and Drug Administration. Supporters for the foundation in the Durham, Lee, and Madbury area include: the Durham District Court, The Oyster River Educational Workshop (OREW), The OR Community Task Force and the State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.

"In our first session we were well received. I heard a lot of concerns from many parents who participated," said Mrs. Kleine. "It was interesting, we got a lot of feedback. At first there weren't that many people signed up, but as word got around more people showed up."

"Understanding that a problem actually exists is the only way to do something about it," said Coach Greenwell. "The lines of communication have to be open for anyone struggling with drugs and alcohol and reaching a crossroad in their life."

Issues and Answers Issues and

Irrigation System Dried-Up

by Tom McBride

The hope of having an underground irrigation system for the high school playing fields was voted down at the school district meeting on Wednesday, March 6.

According to Maintenance Supervisor Tommy Thompson, the irrigation issue was voted down by a 132-38 margin. Mr. Thompson explained that the purpose of the system would have been to provide an adequate water supply for the fields without a "large hassle".

"Each time we want to water the fields, people have to lay down pipes, and that takes many man hours. This way we would have been able to water the fields whenever we wanted to," said Thompson.

At the meeting there was a thorough discussion of the pros and cons of having the irrigation system put in. One point that was brought up was the fact that the drainage of the field is poor, and having such a system would

not be very beneficial.

Another resident said that the School Board should spend money on education and not on high school sports.

Principal Geoffery Jones said, "I feel there are a few more important things that need to be taken care of, but having an irrigation system would be nice".

Jones went on to say that the high school proposed \$121,500 in needs for the high school, and only \$20,500 was granted by the School Board and the district.

The irrigation system, similar to the one on a golf course, would have been able to draw water from Beards Creek Pond at the rate of 117 gallons per minute. Each sprinkler head would cover 45-50 feet, and the entire system would have been underground.

As of now the school will have to do without the \$45,000 irrigation system. "I guess we will just keep laying down the pipes," said Thompson.



Grad Requirements Change

by Stephen Libby

A number of changes in the requirements for graduation will take effect next year at Oyster River.

"These changes come from one of two places," said OR Guidance Counselor Roger Hall, "one from within our own departments and one from state law."

The interior changes come from the Social Studies, Math, and Science Departments.

In Social Studies, according to the Program of Studies, students in the class of '89 will need to fulfill two credits worth of classes and a new class, 'World Cultures', will be required. The course US History will also remain a requirement.

In the Math Department, according to the Program of Studies, students will now need two math credits to graduate. Also, some courses such as recordkeeping and the computer classes, will no longer be considered math.

The Science Department is also raising their requirement from one to two credits, according to the Program of Studies. Starting with the Class of '88, students will need one physical and one biological science credit.

According to Mr. Hall, additional changes from the state are still under discussion.

"Nothing is definite yet," said OR Principal Geoffrey Jones, "The state is proposing to require a 1/2 credit of business or economics, fine arts, and computer science. They also want to add 1 3/4 credits to our present requirement of 18."

Mr. Jones added, "I feel that we do not need additional requirements in some of these areas. For instance, if we integrate computers into our math classes, like we have done, why should we need this requirement?"

On the other hand there may be one subtraction from the list of requirements. Guidance Counselor Nancy Winterbottom said, "I think the Vocational Credit Requirement should be done away with. It really has no purpose in our school."

A committee of interested faculty, students, and administration circulated a survey around the school a few months ago. It was entitled Vocational Credit Survey and it questioned the Vocational Credit requirement.

The progress of this committee has been delayed and the survey has not been tallied.

According to Ms. Winterbottom, "We are bogged down and it probably won't be until next year before we find out the results."



Photos of rm.11, the mezzanine and lockers by C. Loder.

On Lockers and Searching

by Drew Tognela

Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court has granted public schools the right to search lockers. This has been relayed to the students by Principal Geoffery Jones and the faculty, bringing mixed emotions from the student body.

Senior Wendy Batson said, "I consider it an invasion of my privacy because I don't have anything to hide. If I was going against the rules then they would have the right to stop me, but I'm not and I don't like the idea of anyone going through my personal belongings."

The student handbook refers to locker policy as the following. Lockers are not to be used for the storage of items that are expressly forbidden by law or school policy and regulations. Also, items that are potentially unsafe or whose purpose could be easily misconstrued

are not to be stored in lockers. The school reserves the right to inspect a student's locker to maintain school integrity or protect other students.

Junior Scott Bogle protested, "If they are going to search lockers they should get their facts straight as to who is in what locker, or accuse people of wrong doing."

According to Jones, locker searches have not been done in our school without just cause. Only the librarians have periodically have checked for overdue books.

Librarian Barbara Broderick said, "We are trying to keep the integrity of the library intact and that is the only reason we go through lockers. We don't like to intrude on peoples privacy but we feel we have to in order to keep the integrity of the library."



Debate Team Makes Debut

by Eric Horne

Students of Oyster River High School's Debate Team were defeated in their first debate at Trinity High School on Sunday, March 3.

Of six students that attended, each had four debates totaling nine wins and fifteen losses for the team.

The team is a first for OR and is not yet funded by the school. The team's coach, Bill Sims, a professor at UNH said, "This is kind of a trial year for the team to hopefully gain the interest of the school board for future support."

In a debate, each student is given time to express his opinion and defend it from the opponent. It is scored by the student's impression on the judge on a scale from 1 to 30.

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According to Mrs. Broderick, the 'Women in History' weeks have been celebrated for the past three years at OR.

Ms. Winterbottom concluded that members of the OR Faculty, who consider themselves feminists, are actively working on women's issues year round.

Despite the loss of the debate, members are confident about the future. Sophomore Morgan Brown said, "It was only the first we've had, so I think as we gain more experience and coaching, we will do much better."

Currently, The team is made up of seven students, Seniors Chris Glawe and Dave Seperson, and Sophomores Tom McDonough, Morgan Brown, Brad Jacobsen, Thatcher Ulrich, and Greg More.

Future debates will not be held until next fall. In the mean time, the team will be practicing over the summer.

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The overall winners of the festival were Hall (MA), Scituate (MA), and Old Orchard (ME) High Schools.

At the festival, 16 Berklee scholarships were awarded: nine at \$500 each, six at \$1000 each, and one at \$2000.

The LAST MINUTE JAZZ BAND consists of ten members: Scobie Puchtler, clarinet and saxophone; Joe Pokoski, bass; Andy Pokoski and Mark Randall, guitar; Dan Randall, trombone; Eric Horne, saxophone; Mike Jedicke and Andy Deal, percussion; Laura Deame, piano; and Dehan Glanz, clarinet.

The band is a student organization but will become a co-curricular course next year, according to Puchtler.

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Up the River

Mowfest '85

by Bama Bob

It was a warm sunny Wednesday. The kind that makes you appreciate life. On Madbury field 10000 albatrosses rested snugly in the warm grass. Suddenly the low hum of a lawn mower could be heard, then two, three, it began to sound like an invading army of machinery.

On Wednesday, this reporter, covering his usual beat, along with his photographer with funny hair, secretly followed the Oyster River Friends of Nature Organization on their alleged trip to a nature hike. The "nature hike" turned out to be a vicious assault on the thousands of innocent albatrosses nestled on Madbury Field. What followed turned out to be a joint activity with other branches of the organization consisting of the malicious assault of albatrosses with lawn mowers. Before our eyes, albatrosses, some glued together at the beak, were attacked by crazed laughing members.

After the massacre only one lone albatross survived, and it is from his account that the story can be told. "It was a complete surprise attack," says Albert Tross. "We heard about what happened to the iguanas, but we never thought it could happen to us."

ORFN President Dick Greenwood said he had not heard anything as yet and no one in the organization could remember what happened on the hike on Wednesday.



Albert Tross

Iguana Abuse Uncovered

by Bob Hughes

The New Hampshire State Young Independent Politicians Party Organization (YIPPO) has been rocked recently by the discovery of an iguana abuse ring reaching to the highest levels of the organization.

Top officials of the organization, whose members pretend to be real politicians, denied the accusations at first, but later confessed to the intentional maltreatment of over 6,700 domestic and wild iguanas.

The ring was part of the organization "punishment for pleasure" campaign. One member who wished to remain anonymous, but lives at 17 Cutts Rd. confessed "I don't know who started it, but once we got going, it was hard to stop."

Surprisingly many of the members have iguanas. "Sure I have an iguana," stated one member, "It gives me the valuable opportunity to practice at home and perfect different techniques."

Other members admitted to having iguanas, but could not account for their whereabouts now.

This latest incident has resparked the controversy surrounding the proposed iguana abuse clinic in Epping.



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Snowfest '85

by Steve Libby

The first annual Snowfest'85 was held on the grounds of Oyster River High School on March 9.

Nearly 200 students attended the event, which was jointly sponsored by "The Mouth of the River" and the Student Council.

Snowfest'85 featured 5 1/2 hours of snow sculpturing, combined with a variety of other events, including an air band contest, a three legged race, and a tug-of-war competition. The band LaserWolf supplied live music during the afternoon.

In the sculpturing event, a \$100 prize was awarded to the senior class for their sculpture of a dragon holding a beer bottle. Other entries were: from the junior class, a model of Junior Bob Hughes' Volkswagen bug; from the sophomore class, a Bobcat laying on its side; and from the freshman class, a Bobcat sitting on a throne. Also, the Journalism class won the individual award as the only entry with their sculpture of a frog head.

The junior and senior classes tied in the other events and each received a \$50.00 prize for their class treasures.

Senior Brian Seeley commented, "The snow sculpture contest was a great success and, overall, the whole event



Class of '88 builds the OR mascot. (L. Reif photo)

was a great premiere for what will undoubtedly become an annual school tradition."

ORHS Principal Geoffrey Jones said, "It was great! We should have more activities like this to get students together." He went on to say that "It is a good idea to have an activity like this on a weekend. It is good to get the students out and working together when there is not much else to do. It is good for spirit."

Carl Porter, maintenance person on duty during the 'fest', commented, "Everything about the Snowfest was handled exceptionally well. The students behaved properly,

and there were no problems. Also, the sculptures were magnificent."

Demi Dubois, President of the Student Council, said "I hope this can become a tradition for our school." This was also the opinion of a number of other students.

"The weather could not have been better," said Mr. Jones. With the 50 degree temperatures the snow was easily packable and the students could work in T-shirts and, in one case, no shirt at all.

Mr. Paul Gasowski and Mr. Charles Perry, co-advisors of Snowfest, are hoping to have more such events.

Senior TP Night

by Chris Hosmer

Friday, March 22, at 7:30 pm, seniors met at the Tin Palace in Durham for pizza and a movie.

The function was planned by the Senior Planning Committee, according to Senior Class President Cathy Porter. O.R.E.W. was asked to provide chaperones for the get-together.

Most who attended thought the gathering was successful. "I enjoyed meeting seniors that I wouldn't ordinarily meet in school, I had a good time," said senior Mike Shore.

"It was good fun, but more people should have come," said senior, Helen Freear.

Many seniors didn't attend the function, reasons varied from person to person. "Many of my friends had previously made other plans, such as alternative informal gatherings," commented senior, Kevin Hegarty.

According to Principal, Mr. Jones, "The senior get-together was a good idea, but it conflicted with Planetarium night as well as the senior ski trip. I think it was a successful event, being the first of its kind."

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Senior Sue Roebbar snags the ball during practice. (Taylor photo)

Tennis Boasts Experience

by Alisa Lincoln
and Tom McBride

After coming off successful seasons last year, both the boys' and girls' tennis teams look forward to continued success.

The boys' team competed in the State semi-finals last year, losing to Concord, current state champions.

Senior Jon Chorlian said, "At the worst our team is the same as the playoff team we had last year, but obviously

everyone has had another year to play and there are a lot of new kids."

Coach Peggy Hylton sees only success in the future. "This years' team looks very well rounded, and we have the experience necessary to do well this season".

The first match will be April 12 at Winnicunnet. According to Tom McBride, "The team looks good. I feel Dover and Exeter will be our toughest competition."

This year the girls will be defending their title as state champions. Although they lost their top two seeds, Julie Sasner and Sue Long, the team has a positive outlook for this season.

Girls' Softball on Upswing

by Lizz Stewart

On Wednesday, March 20, final cuts were made, leaving the Oyster River Girls' Softball Team with a roster of eighteen.

According to David Nichols, who has coached the team for the last four years, "This should be the best team that OR has had."

Nichols said that all of the players have had previous experience. There are twelve players from last year's team, one transfer and five freshmen who all played on the OR Middle School Team.

According to Sophomore Daryl Arrighi, "It's hard going into a season being number one, but I'm sure we will meet the challenge."

Coach Carol Haaland says, "Our team should be really strong this year, and we will do well in the state tournament."

Lawrence Resigns

by Bill Reeves

The resignation of Oyster River's Division AA Champion Coach Chris Lawrence, was accepted last Thursday, April 4, by the School Board.

Mr. Lawrence stated his reasons were "differences in philosophy with the present administration, regarding the role of the coach and student athletes."

"The coach should have complete contact with athletes and be able to monitor academic progress, aid in college placement, and be available for guidance," according to Mr. Lawrence. He said he was unable to maintain this student coach relationship while teaching social studies at the middle school.

In the last five years as varsity coach, he said other problems arose. Mr. Lawrence stated that someone should have been appointed to forward mail and phone calls up to ORMS, and to notify

Senior Indra Gleske stated, "Individually speaking we have a very strong team. We have Senior Patty Hardy pitching and two good back-up pitchers: Heidi Carlson and Carolyn White. We also have a very strong infield of four seniors. This year we have no rookies on our starting line-up. They all have experience."

Nichols said, "This year we don't have to teach anyone the game; we will refine the talents that we have. This is the first time that we can say that."

Junior Jessica Gilsdorf said, "I think that we have a lot of underclassmen potential coming up. It depends on how we develop it." Gilsdorf would like to work on "pitching and defense." Nichols said that this team will be working especially on polishing and discovering pitching talents.

The team is hoping to better last year's record of 5-11. Nichols said that, "our goal is to make the tournament since the softball team has never done that before."

him of students who are ineligible.

Mr. Lawrence approached the high school for a position, but was turned down. "Anybody when it comes to hiring a teacher, is not hired by what they can coach," according to Mr. Dave Nichols.

Senior Jeff Jacobson said, "OR soccer has been developed to its level by Mr. Lawrence. Whoever the replacement may be, is going to change and possibly reduce the play in the following years. It's especially going to hurt the players who have already had him and are used to his style of coaching and play."

Mr. Lawrence plans to continue teaching at ORMS and said "coaching opportunities have been forwarded." He said he is only "considering," and he "would have a hard time coaching a team other than Oyster River."

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Hopes High for Boys' Track

by Stephen Libby

The Oyster River High School Boys Track Team placed third in their first meet of the season in Nashua on Saturday, April 6.

They went up against Londonderry, Manchester West, and Nashua, all Class L teams. Nashua, winter track champions, finished first with 123 points, followed by Londonderry with 53, Oyster River with 44.5, and Manchester West with 36.5.

Scott Shirley, distance runner for the team, said "The meet wasn't bad for an opener."

Head Coach Rich Hinkle was pleased with the way the meet went. "I was surprised. We were the only team that wasn't class L and everyone did well."

"Our top performer was Bill Lockhart" said Hinkle. "He qualified in both the intermediate hurdles, which he won, and the 100 meter hurdles, finishing second. He also placed fourth in the long jump."

Three other students also qualified for states. Scott Hartzell qualified in discus, Greg Tripp qualified in the quarter mile, in which he set a school record; and Howie Howard qualified with a high jump of 5'10".

The next meet will be held in Laconia on Saturday, April 13. OR will face Somersworth, Kearsarge, and Laconia.

"I think we will do well," said Senior Greg Mercer. "We are competing in our own league."



Scott Hartzell well on his way to winning in the April 6 meet. (Myslivy photo)

Girls' Track: Great Expectations

by Bob Hughes

The Oyster River Girls Track Team is expecting "A stronger year than ever", said Freshman team member Allison Poulin.

Last season, the team did well in the indoor events.

"We had a lot of girls qualify last season in various events. This year our strength will be drawn from the fact that most of these girls will be returning," said Sophomore Sarah Goding.

This season the team will be coached by Dave Burton.

"We learned a lot from Coach Byrnes, our winter coach, and feel these skills can be used this season under Coach Burton," said Goding.

The team expects to do very well, particularly in the relay, which they won in the state meet.

"I know all the teams say they are expecting the best season yet," said Poulin, "but this time we really believe it."

Winter Sports Banquet

by Bob Hughes

On Monday, March 11, the Oyster River Booster Club held the 1984-85 Winter Sports Banquet.

The banquet consisted of a formal presentation of the winter sports teams, many of whom received letters and trophies for their performances. During the 2 1/2 hour banquet, members of the track, hockey, and basketball teams, cheerleading squad and swim club were presented on stage, while their coaches gave a brief summary of the teams' seasons.

Junior Jo Michel and Senior Scott MacHardy were awarded the Most Valuable Player Award for the girls' and boys' basketball teams.

Heisey Named to Dream Team

by Alisa Lincoln

One of this year's Oyster River Bobcat Hockey Team members was recently named to the Foster's Daily Democrat's 'Dream Team', he is Junior Jon Heisey.

The "Dream Team" is chosen by eight seacoast high school hockey coaches, and according to Foster's, Heisey was an "overwhelming choice."

Heisey's record this year was 3.0 goals against average; in 13 games he let in only 39 shots. He also had a .992 save percentage, Heisey stopped 462 out of 501 shots. "I would say that I got the opportunity to be recognized because I got those shots," said Heisey.

Along with being named to the "Dream Team" Heisey was named MVP of ORHS Hockey Team. Coach Rick Olmstead feels that Heisey is an outstanding player with a lot of potential.

One thing Heisey emphasized is that he enjoys hockey. "It's something that you can go and do with your friends, and have a good time."

Junior Jon Heisey won the MVP in boys' varsity hockey, while Junior Bill Lockhart won it for his achievements in indoor track.

Lockhart, captain of the boys' winter track team, said that the banquet offers an incentive to the members of the team. "It makes you want to try really hard to earn a trophy or a letter at the end of the season. A lot of people probably wouldn't push themselves as hard if there wasn't any reward."

OR Baseball

by Terilee Evans

"I'm expecting good things from this year's Baseball team" according to Oyster River Coach Donald Greenwell.

"This year's team is bigger, stronger, and faster than last year's team, and I don't have to worry about hiding anybody anywhere," expressed Greenwell.

Coach Greenwell said he is looking forward to the leadership of Juniors Bill Mautz, Carl Sobocinski, Jon Heisey, and Tim Cavanaugh to lead the power at the plate and in the field.

"This year's team is basically a junior team with the experience to go to the states." Junior Bob Hughes stated.


"Last year's season was spent gaining the experience and working on the fundamentals," said Greenwell. "This year's team is expected to be a very productive with a prosperous season."

Greenwell said he is expecting stronger and greater things from last year's MVP, Junior Mautz. Mautz is expected to lead the power at first base this season. Greenwell is also impressed by the strength of Junior catcher John Clark's arm which has improved greatly since last year's season.


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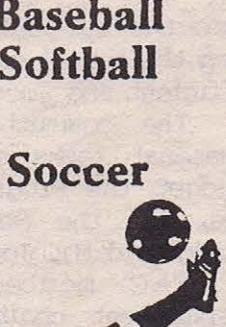
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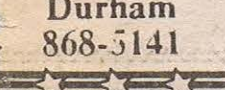
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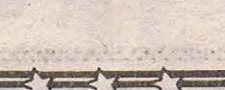
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Pippin 'Supreme'

by Lisa Simmons

The 1972 Broadway musical "Pippin" made its debut at Oyster River High School on March 28, 29 and 30.

Commented one UNH student on the performance, "The show was fantastic! I think everyone in the audience and cast had fun."

Director Richard Tappan seemed to share the opinion that the show was a success, "I thought it (the performance) was spirited, moving and energetic. I was really pleased with the outcome."

"Pippin", according to Drama Club President Scott Hartzel, is the story of the son of Charlemagne (portrayed by Senior Dan Wrightsman) and his search for complete fulfillment in life. His quest leads him to adventures as he explores many walks of life, including that of a soldier,

king and head of a family and estate. He discovers that happiness and fulfillment don't stem from what you do, but how you perceive life.

Musical Director Steve Denson, commenting as to why the drama club chose "Pippin" for the spring musical, said, "It has a good message and the music is marvelous and varied."

Contrary to the musicals put on at Oyster River High School in the past, according to Denson, "Pippin" was different because it was performed in an arena rather than on stage. The arena consisted of the main stage, a large part of the gym floor, and three platforms: one located on each side of the room in the bleachers, and one at the end of the room. This arrangement had the effect of placing the audience in the middle of the action and added to the suspense of not knowing where in the room the next scene was going to take place.

Members of the audience seemed to enjoy this arrangement. Dr. John Voll summed it up best, "I enjoyed being able



Smoke plumes as Senior Andy Deal, Junior Scott Hartzell and Freshman Chris Field fire towards the Visigoths in the ORHS presentation of "Pippin".(Taylor photo)

to feel I could participate, not just watch."

Freshman Daria Balling, one of the 42 cast members, said of the experience, "It was great because everyone was so talented and supportive."

Accompaniment throughout the musical was provided by a 19 member orchestra direct-

ed by Denson.

"It was a lot of fun and it was neat music to play," said orchestra member Sophomore Sarah Goding.

The Drama Club, according to Hartzell, will be putting on two more productions this year, "The Brute", and the Broadway Review.

Vocational Visit



Junior Sean McCabe uses skills gained in automotive mechanics class at Dover Vocational(Taylor photo)

by Ben Corrow

Oyster River's Guidance Department held its annual Dover Vocational course introduction on Tuesday, March 19.

The visit was to designed to give students interested in the program an idea what to expect, according to Guidance Counselor Mr. Roger Hall.

The group consisted of 29 OR students who wanted to look into one or more of the 13 courses offered.

During the two hour orientation, students were shown around most, if not all, classrooms. These included such courses as drafting, cosmetology, agriculture, and food trades.

"The program really is impressive," said Sophomore Jeff Meyer. "I'm pretty sure I'll go into one of the classes."

Dana Wilson, also a sophomore, exclaimed, "The whole place is really neat! It looks like a fun place but it will be hard work."

Mr. Hall took smaller groups of students to Dover on Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1 for more in-depth visits. Those students spent nearly an hour talking to specific class subject teachers.

Mr. Hall also wants to take interested students to vocational colleges, such as Stratham Voc-Tech and New Hampshire Voc-Tech in Concord.

Graduation Get Together

by BJ Anderson

The senior class has decided to hold this year's graduation party at 'The Works' in Somersworth.

The decision was made by the Project Graduation Committee, a group of about 15 seniors, who viewed both 'The Greenhouse' in Hampton and 'The Works'.

Senior Class President Cathy Porter, who chairs the committee, said, "The majority of the people that went to see the two choices agreed that 'The Greenhouse' was nice, but 'The Works' seemed like a place where everyone could have a good time for the whole night."

Senior Kristen Maurice, a member of the committee, said, "There was only one room at 'The Greenhouse' and there wouldn't be enough to

do for eight hours."

Senior Helen Freear's reaction was, "I think the committee is a good idea because it let more people actually see what the two choices were for graduation."

The committee had help from Mrs. Sharon Meeker and Mrs. Arlene Matusow, who provided transportation.

Project Graduation is a party set up to give graduating seniors a place to have an alcohol free party. It was first instituted in Maine where 95% of the graduation parties are held in the Project Graduation style, according to a flyer sent out by the state.

Senior Bob Watt expressed a growing opinion among the seniors, "All I want for the graduation party is a place to go and have a good time."

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into the curriculum, and making the school calendar more efficient and accessible.

The committee also has seasonal tasks such as the budget, the Program of Studies, and the Student Handbook, said Mr. Jones.

FAC members are also department chairpeople "and that means double duty," said Mr. Tappan. Department heads have to balance normal bureaucratic and clerical responsibilities with these new ones. In the future there will probably be different people

on the FAC, said Mr. Tappan.

Other faculty members may "attend meetings, speak at meetings, and put pressure on their representatives," said Social Studies Teacher Mr. Robert Baxter, who feels the FAC "may make for better coordination."

The FAC is not new, former Principal Gerald Daley split it into the Climate and Curriculum Committees three years ago, said Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones sees this as an opportunity to "begin to address some issues and problems and provide a better plan."

SENIOR FOLLIES